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## **BCP Components**

The BCP consists of several components:

- Operational Preparedness for Expected Events (i.e. weather related events)
- Event / Crisis Communication Plan
- Redundancy Mapping
- Department Recovery Plans
- Information Technology Continuity Plan

The following is a brief summary of the plan components.

## **Operational Preparedness for Expected Events**

Weather events such snow, ice and wind can negatively impact power and communications infrastructure. While this threat cannot be eliminated, FairPoint takes steps to mitigate a storm's impact through preparedness and response. Steps include:

- Pre-event planning based on information provided by National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration ("NOAA")
- Coordinate planning and recovery efforts through state emergency management groups
- Engage supply chain vendors to delivery additional stock prior to the expected event
- Inspect, test and fuel emergency generators in anticipation of a power outage
- · Reallocate / relocate staff in order to respond to the pending event

#### **Event / Crisis Communication Plan**

Communications is a key element to respond and recover business operations. Event / Crisis Communications are facilitated by FairPoint's Risk Management Team who assume the role of incident command from the onset of the event until normal operations are resumed.

FairPoint uses a dual level communication strategy as part the Event Communication Plan. The primary level is the workgroup comprised of both employees and vendors that are directly involved in the recovery work. The secondary level consists of internal interested parties made up of our Strategic Leadership Team. The role of the secondary level is to facilitate communications both internally and externally regarding the event and our path to response and recovery. For 2014, FairPoint has partnered with SunGard and will be deploying a hosted event communication platform in order increase our speed and reach of communications during an event.

#### Redundancy Mapping

The process of redundancy mapping reviews operations within the FairPoint organization to identify alternate facilities and work locations that can be used in the event a primary location is not accessible. Given the geographic spread of FairPoint's Northern New England footprint, capabilities exist to relocate operations from event impacted areas. Through the mapping process, FairPoint is able to identify single points of failure and develop alternative work processes.

#### **Department Recovery Plans**

Each department has developed a recovery plan based on its critical operations as they pertain to the deliverables they contribute to our customers. FairPoint has triaged the recovery efforts based on the concept of customer servicing impact. Federal and State regulatory requirements, along with E-911 needs, have a high level of consideration in addition to the business impact concerns. The BCP goal is to minimize the disruption duration as much as is practical and provide a level of risk mitigation that will maintain critical operations. The recovery plans are built around a 24hour to 72hours response plan. This methodology

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focuses on the immediate steps that need to be taken to recover functional operations within short duration events (less than 24 hours) and well as long term plans to maintain functionality during an extended event (up to, or greater than 72 hours).

## **IT Recovery Plan**

Like most operations, FairPoint is dependent on an IT infrastructure to conduct business and serve customers. Because of its importance, FairPoint has a continuity plan established specifically for IT operations. The IT continuity plan addresses security and access control of data sites, onsite / offsite data backup methods, processes for sequencing of system(s) recoveries and ultimately the use and execution of our established Disaster Recovery Site located outside the FairPoint footprint.

# Plan Maintenance and Exercising

The BCP is a so called "living" document. Updates to the plan are ongoing with changes incorporated annually at a minimum. Individual plan components are reviewed with oversight from FairPoint's Risk Management Team. In 2013, FairPoint began the process of migrating the BCP onto a cloud based solution which will allow access to the plan components from any computer, smartphone and tablet.

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Line 1010 - Voice Service Rate Comparability

The pricing of the company's voice service rate is no more than two standard deviations above the applicable national average urban rate for voice service, as specified in the most recent public notice, FCC DA15-470 released on April 16, 2015.

For Rates See Attachment: (700) Company Price Offerings (voice)

# REDACTED FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION Form 481 Line 1210- Terms & Conditions for Lifeline Customers

Big Sandy Telecom, Inc. provides a Lifeline Program discount for residence service for eligible low income customers. The Lifeline Program discount is applied to any month to month residence local service, package or bundle offering. The discount is intended to offset the Subscriber Line Charge and local line charge, although eligible packages and bundles may have toil calling included in the pricing for the offering.

The tariff pages outlining the terms of the Lifeline Program in Big Sandy Telecom, Inc are attached. The terms and conditions of residential basic local exchange service, package and bundle offerings can be found at http://www.tariffs.net/fairpoint/tier.asp?cid=1644.

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Rules, Regulations or Extension Policy

### LOCAL ACCESS SERVICE

### 4. Colorado Direct Service Programs

## 4.1 <u>Lifeline Program</u>

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The Company shall provide Lifeline Program benefits as defined in 47 C.F.R. §54.401 (a) on a nondiscriminatory basis to all qualifying low-income customers. The Company's Lifeline Program offering shall comply with all applicable federal and state laws, including, but not limited to 47 C.F.R. Part 54, Subpart E; the FCC's Lifeline Reform Order (Report and Order released February 6, 2012, WC Docket No. 11-42, et al) and any subsequent clarifying orders.

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## 4.1.1 RESERVED FOR FUTURE USE

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#### LOCAL ACCESS SERVICE

### 20. Rates and Charges

All the rates and charges for the services offered in this tariff are shown in this section. Reference is made for each rate element to the appropriate tariff paragraph where the application of the service is described.

## 20.1 RESERVED FOR FUTURE USE

# 20.2 Payment Related Charges

# (A) Payment Related Charges

Per Access Line

| (1)           | Deposit if Required Per End User                                   | Rate Not to Exceed 90 Days, Basic Local Exchange Svc. | Source<br>2.4.1.(B) |  |  |  |
|---------------|--|---|---------------------|--|--|--|
| (2)           | NSF Check Charge   | \$20.00   | 2.5.1.(A) (2)       |  |  |  |
| Access Orde   | ering, Service Connection, Move and Cha                            | ange Services   |                     |  |  |  |
| (A) <u>Ac</u> | ess Order Charge   |   |                     |  |  |  |
| (1)           | Initial Service Order Charge Per<br>Order                          | \$20.00   | 3.4 (A)             |  |  |  |
| (2)           | Subsequent Service Order Charge<br>Per Order                       | \$10.00   | 3.4. (B)            |  |  |  |
| (3)           | Central Office Charge Per<br>Connection                            | \$15.00   | 3.4. (C)            |  |  |  |
| (4)           | Premise Visit Charge Per Premise<br>Visit                          | \$30.00   | 3.4.(D)             |  |  |  |
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# REDACTED FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION Rate Floor

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF THE REPORTING CARRIER IS FILING RATE FLOOR DATA ON ITS OWN BEHALF:

| Certification of Officer as to the Accuracy of the Data Report  | ed for the Rate Floor Data |
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| I certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring t reported; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported on this form is accumulated. |                            |
| arne of Reporting Carrier See Attached Listing  |                            |
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| rignature of authorized officer Michael T. Skrivan  | Date June 23,20            |
| Signature of authorized officer Michael T. Skrivan  Title or position of authorized officer Vice President of Regulatory  Selephone number of authorized officer: (207) 535 - 4150                | Date June 23, 20           |

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| 2   | Carrier Study Area Name                         |   |  | alpha characters   | Big Sandy Teleco   | m, Inc.           |  |  |
| 3   | Service Provider Identification Number          |   |  | 9 numeric digits   | 143002492  |                   |  |  |
| 4   | Residential Local Service Charge Effective Date |   |  | mm/dd/yyyy   | 6/1/2015   |                   |  |  |
| 5   | Contact Name                                    |   |  | alpha characters   | Barbara Galardo  |                   |  |  |
| 6   | Contact Telephone Number (include area code)    |   |  | 9 numeric digits   | 2075354126   |                   |  |  |
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